

JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME AND APPELLATE COURTS

The following information must be included
in the November 6, 2018, General Election
Voter Information Guide
(Elections Code section 9083)

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About Judicial Retention Elections

Justices of the California Supreme Court and California Courts of Appeal serve 12-year terms in office.

When a state Supreme Court or Court of Appeal justice is near the end of a term in office, voters are asked to decide if the justice will be retained (continue to serve) for an additional term. This is called a retention election.

In retention elections, justices do not run against opposing candidates. If a justice receives more "yes" votes, the justice may remain in his or her position. If a justice receives more "no" votes, the justice will complete the current term and then a new justice will be appointed by the governor.

State Supreme Court justices hold statewide office so all California voters participate in Supreme Court retention elections. Information about each of the Supreme Court justices up for retention election is on page ____ of this voter guide.

For more information about the California Supreme Court justices, visit www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov or www.courts.ca.gov.

Courts of Appeal justices serve in one of six districts in California. Only registered voters within an appellate district are asked to determine if the justices of that district will be retained.

For information about the Court of Appeal justices up for retention election in your district, visit www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov or www.courts.ca.gov.

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For more information about Supreme Court Justices and Appellate Court Justices, visit www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov or www.courts.ca.gov or call the toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

The Electoral Procedure

Under the California Constitution, justices of the Supreme Court and the courts of appeal are subject to confirmation by the voters. The public votes “yes” or “no” on whether to retain each justice.

These judicial offices are nonpartisan.

Before a person can become an appellate justice, the Governor must submit the candidate’s name to the Judicial Nominees Evaluation Commission, which is comprised of public members and lawyers. The commission conducts a thorough review of the candidate’s background and qualifications, with community input, and then forwards its evaluation of the candidate to the Governor.

The Governor then reviews the commission’s evaluation and officially nominates the candidate, whose qualifications are subject to public comment before examination and review by the Commission on Judicial Appointments. That commission consists of the Chief Justice of California, the Attorney General of California, and a senior Presiding Justice of the Courts of Appeal. The Commission on Judicial Appointments must then confirm or reject the nomination. Only if confirmed does the nominee become a justice.

Following confirmation, the justice is sworn into office and is subject to voter approval at the next gubernatorial election, and thereafter at the conclusion of each term. The term prescribed by the California Constitution for justices of the Supreme Court and courts of appeal is 12 years. Justices are confirmed by the Commission on Judicial Appointments only until the next gubernatorial election, at which time they run for retention of the remainder of the term, if any, of their predecessor, which will be either four or eight years. (Elections Code section 9083.)

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Name: Carol A. Corrigan

Title: Associate Justice, Supreme Court of California

Bar Admission: 1975

Education: J.D. University of California, Hastings College of Law 1975; B.A., Holy Names College 1970.

Professional Legal Background: Alameda County Deputy District Attorney (1975-1985), Senior Deputy (1985-1987); Adjunct Professor of Law: University of Notre Dame (2016-Present); U.C. Berkeley School of Law (1984-1987 & 1989-1994); U.C. Hastings College of Law (1981-1987 & 1989-1991); University of San Francisco School of Law (1987-1988); University of Puget Sound School of Law (1981).

Judicial Background: Associate Justice California Supreme Court, 2006-Present; Associate Justice California Court of Appeal, 1994-2006; Judge, Alameda County Superior Court, 1991-1994; Judge, Oakland – Emeryville – Piedmont Municipal Court, 1987-1991; Faculty, California Judge's College, 1989-Present.

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Name	Leondra R. Kruger
Title	Associate Justice
Bar Admission Date	Admitted to California Bar in 2002

Note: If you require extra space, please attach an additional page.

1. Educational Background: including law school and undergraduate and postgraduate work completed.

Yale Law School, J.D., 2001; Harvard University, A.B., 1997.

2. Professional Legal Background: including positions held and nature, scope, and duration of law practice prior to initial appointment or election to the bench.

Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, U.S. Department of Justice, 2013–2014; Assistant to the Solicitor General and Acting Principal Deputy Solicitor General, Office of the Solicitor General, U.S. Department of Justice, 2007–2013; Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Chicago Law School, 2007; Associate, Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale and Dorr LLP, 2004–2006; Law Clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens, 2003–2004; Law Clerk to U.S. Court of Appeals Judge David S. Tatel, 2002–2003; Associate, Jenner and Block LLP, 2001–2002.

3. Judicial Background: including judicial positions held and the dates thereof, special judicial assignments, and other relevant experiences as a judge.

Associate Justice, Supreme Court of California, 2015–present (appointed by Governor Jerry Brown and confirmed by the Commission on Judicial Appointments).

Please submit to Robert Bradshaw in the Secretary of State Elections Division @ rbradshaw@sos.ca.gov or via mail at 1500 11th Street, Fifth Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, by Thursday, July 19, 2018.

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